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IN RE APPLICATION OF :  
VOLKER HENNIGE, ET AL. : EXAMINER: COLE, ELIZABETH M.  
SERIAL NO: 10/501,713 :  
FILED: JULY 19, 2004 : GROUP ART UNIT: 1794  
FOR: CERAMIC MEMBRANE BASED :  
ON A SUBSTRATE CONTAINING  
POLYMER OR NATURAL FIBRES,  
METHOD FOR THE PRODUCTION AND  
USE THEREOF

AMENDMENT AND REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION

COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS  
ALEXANDRIA, VIRGINIA 22313

SIR:

Responsive to the Office Action of December 12, 2008 and further to the Notice of Appeal and Appeal Brief filed on August 29, 2008, Applicants request reconsideration in view of the following amendment and remarks.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Discussion of the Amendment** begins on page 9 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 10 of this paper.